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SUBJECT: CROATIA TO BACK SLOVENIA, WILL SNUB BELARUS AT MAY
17TH UNHRC VOTE

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Classified By: Pol Off D. A. Fisk for reasons 1.4(b) and (d)

(C) DCM delivered ref points on May 9, 2007, to Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration Pjer Simunovic. Simunovic agreed with the importance of supporting good candidates for the Human Rights Council and said Croatia will not support the candidacy of Belarus for membership on the UN Human Rights Council. Croatia will support Slovenia as a candidate. He expressed a willingness to support a third country candidate on the merits of its human rights record should one announce its intentions to compete. Croatia had contemplated running for this position, however decided to focus its efforts towards its candidacy for non-permanent membership on the UN Security Council in 2008.
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